

During Reverend Neely's sixty-four years of preaching, he has served numerous congregations including Mount Pisgah in Dallas, North Carolina; First Baptist Church, Mooresville, North Carolina; Trinity Baptist Church, Boston, Massachusetts; Friendship Baptist Church, Peoria, Illinois. On the third Sunday in September, 1968, Reverend Dr. Neely became the founder of The Greater Harvest Baptist Church of Philadelphia. The church was originally located at Sixteenth and Oxford Streets. However, due to a growing membership it only remained at this location for one year. It was then moved to its second home at Broad and Clearfield Streets and the membership continued to grow. Its final home is its current location, 1409-17 West Master Street where it continues to stand as a strong foundation to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

While Reverend Neely's first love remains Jesus Christ, he has great esteem for his profession of over forty years, being a Licensed Barber. Reverend Neely's long time hobby is that of Deep Sea Fisherman. His affiliations include membership in The National Baptist Convention of U.S.A., Inc., The Philadelphia Police Clergy, The Philadelphia Prince Hall Masons, Pennsylvania State Convention, Ministers Conference of Philadelphia, and the Good Friday Night Baptist Association.

Mr. Speaker, houses of worship and those that lead them continue to be the backbone of our communities. Reverend Dr. Neely having labored and nurtured in the vineyard for sixty-four years has come to epitomize those values that remain inherent in the strength an character of our citizenry. I hope that my colleagues will join me in recognizing and celebrating the anniversary of The Reverend Dr. D. P. Neely's sixty-four years in the ministry.

**HOMELAND EMERGENCY RE-
SPONDERS ORGANIZATION
(HERO) ACT**

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the HERO Act, the Homeland Emergency Responders Organization Act.

This Act will establish the Office of National Preparedness within the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The HERO Act will improve the ability of first responders to prepare for and respond to terrorist attacks by getting grants to them directly through this new Office.

In the past several months, I've received numerous letters and calls from state and community leaders on the critical issue of homeland security. Two overriding themes have surfaced again and again:

We must allocate more resources to homeland security.

And, those resources must go directly to citizens and other local governments.

I believe that the best ideas on how to make the hometown more secure come from the hometown.

The HERO Act is a federal grant program that will improve the readiness of first responders at both the local and state levels. Since it utilizes an existing agency—FEMA—and its regional offices, federal grants will get

to those who need them most, when they need them most—NOW!

The Director of the new Office will make grants available to first responders through each of FEMA's 10 regional offices. Each of these regional offices serves several states, as well as Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana's. Eligibility for grants will be based on criteria such as population density and proximity to international borders.

Dispersing funds directly to first responders, like the Broward County Sheriff's Office or the Hollywood, Florida Police Department, will enable local communities to concentrate on their highest priorities—training, purchasing communications equipment, or upgrading emergency operating centers.

The new Office will also distribute grants to each of the 50 states. The state grants can be used—to establish or upgrade state-wide emergency notification systems, plan terrorism response exercises, or to coordinate inter- and intra-state antiterrorism programs.

First responders in cities and towns across America need our help to make the homeland more secure. They, in fact we, can't wait for a new agency to be approved, and then created, before we take the first steps towards a more secure homeland. Local communities need our help and support now.

I am looking forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to move this bill as quickly as possible. Time is of the essence. Let's make the homeland more secure.

**PAYING TRIBUTE TO JANE
ZIMMERMAN**

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize Ms. Jane Zimmerman of Durango, Colorado for her tireless dedication and the irreplaceable contributions she has made to her community. Ms. Zimmerman has served in the Durango Area Chamber Resort Association for over 19 years, overseeing a variety of community projects and activities that have immeasurably benefited the City of Durango. As she leaves her position of Executive Director, I would like to highlight her accomplishments before this body of Congress and this nation.

Since beginning her career at the Chamber in 1983, Ms. Zimmerman has held a variety of leadership positions that have utilized her knowledge and expertise toward worthy causes. She has directed the Durango Area Chamber Resort Association through a multiplicity of challenges and transitional periods. Under Ms. Zimmerman's watchful eye, the Durango Chamber of Commerce became the Durango Area Chamber Resort Association, DACRA, the transition was a new and shaky venture for the city but Ms. Zimmerman lead the organization through this uncertain period and into financial stability and success.

Ms. Zimmerman has also been instrumental in many other projects that have benefited the community. Through increased communication and coordination efforts, she has helped to bridge relationships between the business and education communities, providing valuable

revenue for Durango's educational programs. Ms. Zimmerman organized and directed a High School Leadership program that today boasts the active involvement of students from all three high schools in La Plata County.

Over the summer, Ms. Zimmerman dedicated much of her time to forming the new La Plata County Disaster Recovery Coalition, helping to aid distressed victims of Colorado's forest fires. Ms. Zimmerman met with over 100 interested parties and formed the coalition to provide a proactive approach to aiding fire victims with badly needed supplies and shelter.

Mr. Speaker, it is a honor and a privilege to recognize Ms. Jane Zimmerman before this body of Congress and this nation for the countless contributions she has made to Durango. She is truly an irreplaceable asset to the welfare and vitality of the entire community, and I commend her for the hardwork and determination she has given to such a reputable and worthwhile pursuit. Thanks for your service Jane and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

**IN MEMORY OF KATE GILL
MARRIOTT MADGWICK**

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Kate Gill Madgwick of Terrell, Texas, the loving wife of Terrell Mayor Henry Madgwick and an outstanding citizen, who passed away in December of last year.

Born and raised in Terrell, Kate graduated from Terrell High School and attended the University of Texas, where she earned a degree in English Literature. Upon receiving her degree, she chose to serve her country during World War II as an aide to the American Red Cross in England. After returning to Terrell, she remained active in the community through her membership in the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd.

She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother and is survived by her husband, Henry; son Bruce Ragan Sanders of Denver; daughter Susan Sanders McCrum of Dallas; grandchildren Cole and Kelly McCrum; and in-laws Doris and Peter Gibbs of England. She was preceded in death by her previous husband of 40 years, Albert James Sanders of Tiverton, England.

All who knew Kate will miss her dearly, and she will certainly be remembered by those whose many lives she touched in Terrell. As we adjourn today, let us do so in memory of this outstanding citizen and my good friend—Kate Madgwick.

POST-HUSSEIN IRAQ

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, as we begin to discuss our options in Iraq it is important that we recognize the difficulties of a post-Hussein Iraq. I commend Thomas Friedman's column